



Rear Admiral Arthur J. Lawrence, Jr., R.Ph., M.B.A., Ph.D.

Rear Admiral Arthur Lawrence has served as the acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health (ASH) since April 2003. RADM Lawrence was appointed to fulfill the responsibilities of the ASH with the initiation of the Bush Administration in January 2001, and served in that capacity until March 2002. Working with the Secretary, he was responsible for successfully directing the National Disaster Medical System and managing federal medical assets and responses to the 9/11 terrorist acts at the Pentagon, World Trade Center Twin Towers, and Somerset County, PA crash site. He also was responsible for successfully superintending the department's response to the release of anthrax in several locations, including successive emergency medical and prophylaxis efforts of

Congressional and US Postal Service employees.

RADM Lawrence pursued undergraduate and graduate studies at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy (MCP). He holds a M.B.A. degree, focused on organizational development, from Suffolk University, Boston. He earned a Ph.D. degree in management science and applied economics, with a concentration in social systems sciences, from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. RADM Lawrence has held academic appointments and instructed at Temple University, Drexel University, Rutgers University, and the Wharton School. He has been awarded two Secretarial Distinguished Service Awards and the PHS Distinguished Service Medal. He is the recipient of the MCP Alumni Achievement Award and, most recently received the Board of Directors Award of Honor of the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists and the Stermer Memorial Award from the Rho Chi National Honor Society.

Prior to commissioning, RADM Lawrence served as the Director of Pharmacy Services at Androscoggin Valley Hospital in New Hampshire. Upon commissioning, he was assigned to the PHS Hospital in Boston as a staff pharmacist. He was transferred to the PHS Regional Office in Philadelphia where he managed several programs and gained extensive experience in public health operations directing Community and Migrant Health Center programs, the National Health Service Corps, Family Planning, Maternal and Child Health programs, and activities conducted by the Appalachian Regional Commission. After 10 years, he was transferred to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health to work on HIV/AIDS issues. His assignments included positions in the National AIDS Program Office where he eventually was promoted to the Director, Division of Planning, Resources, and Information Services. He also served as both the Acting Deputy Director and Acting Director. Eventually, he was reassigned with the Office to the newly-established White House Office of National AIDS Policy where he held the dual role of acting office director and Deputy National AIDS Policy Coordinator. After 15 months in that assignment, he returned to the PHS, continuing to work on HIV/AIDS issues. Shortly thereafter, he was selected to be Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Health. After serving three Assistant Secretaries he was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Operations.